

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. Listing of Claims:

1-26 (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) An isolated DNA sequence comprising the 5' flanking region of the gymnosperm loblolly pine 4CL1B as shown in SEQ ID No: 40 **11**.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) An isolated DNA, ~~wherein said DNA includes~~ **comprising** the promoter region of a gymnosperm 4CL gene involved in syringyl lignin biosynthesis, **wherein said promoter region directs gene expression and includes two GGTAGGTA binding sites**.

30-45. (Canceled)